



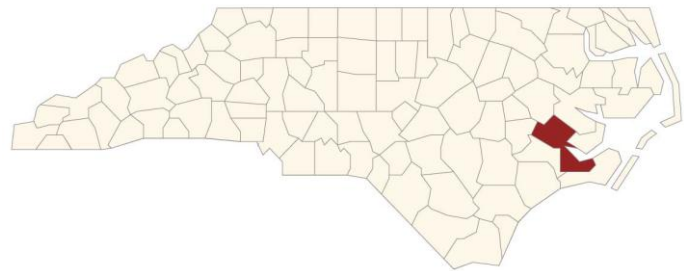
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Craven County

Craven County received almost \$80 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Craven County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
1,624



Small Business Jobs:
68

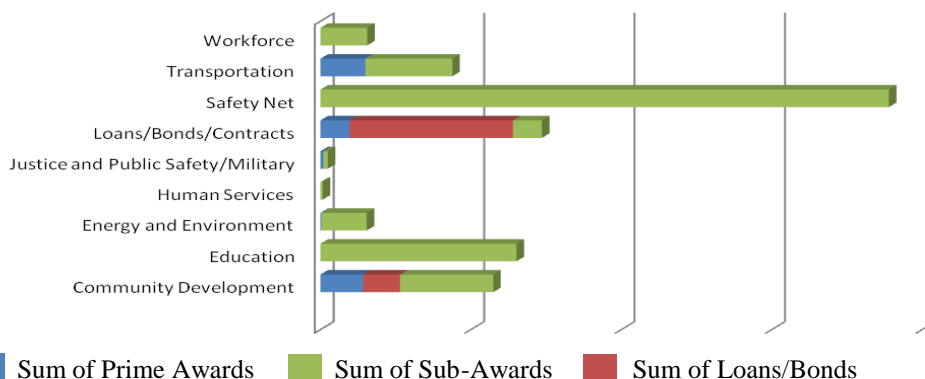


Appliances rebated:
229



Family homes financed:
52

Craven County Totals



Craven County,
pop 94,875 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$65,600,672.34
Loans: \$11,151,278
Bond: \$2,163,000

Total: \$78,914,950.34



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Craven County schools received \$20 million in education funding, including \$3.2 million in Special Education funds, \$2.5 million in Title I funds, \$8.5 million in SFSF funds, \$1.7 million in Race to the Top funding and received an \$2.1 million bond allocation to do system-wide improvements on existing schools.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Craven County Craven Community College received 1,624 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$2.1 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Craven County, 52 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$7.5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Craven County retailers sold 229 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Craven County 11 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth \$1.2 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 68 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Craven County, \$93,532 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Craven County, car dealers sold 248 cars worth \$5.5 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Craven County, three municipalities received grants through the competitive federal Department of Justice JAG program worth almost \$200,000 for local law enforcement.

Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) established the ARRA Fire Station Construction Grant (FSG). The program was a national competitive program designed to improve firefighter safety and response capability/capacity based on need through the construction, renovation, or modification of fire stations.

In Craven County, the Little Swift Creek Fire Department in the town of Ernul received \$13,500 to replace obsolete air packs with new models.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Craven County, the towns of Cove City and Dover both received clean water awards, Cove city for \$723,000 and Dover for more than \$1 million.

The US Forest Service, within the Federal Department of Agriculture, established the Wildland Fire Management program, with ARRA funds. This program seeks to prevent the loss of life and property by minimizing the amount of available fuel for wildfires on public lands. This program is operated through the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural resources.

In Craven County, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources used a Wildland Fire Management Grant worth \$52,000 to enhance public lands.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Craven County, the State Energy Office awarded grants to BSH Home Appliances, and the Craven County Schools, for a geothermal project. All told, these grants were worth more than \$300,000.



Military Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included approximately \$7.4 billion in defense-related appropriations. This includes funding for all service areas and the Army Corps of Engineers. Recovery Act funding addressed some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. The Recovery Act included assistance to service members, upgrades aimed to improve the quality of life for troops and their families, funded three new facilities, and two new VA hospitals in North Carolina, addressing critical needs across the state. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding for our energy research programs, so that Department of Defense (DOD) can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence. North Carolina had 103 military projects funded for a total of \$166 million.

In Craven County, Marine Corps Base Cherry Point received more than \$1 million in energy efficiency upgrades. In addition, the Veterans Administration spent more than \$25,000 to maintain the National Cemetery in New Bern.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Craven County residents received more than \$27 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$5 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$5 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Craven County Feature Story

Recovery Act Funds Impact Military Bases and Families in Craven County

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided funds to military institutions to increase their energy efficiency and to implement green and renewable energy programs on bases. The Department of Defense considers energy independence vital to our national security and more critical now than any time in the past. According to the Department of Defense, every \$10 increase in the price of a barrel of oil increases the Department of Navy's shore infrastructure costs by over \$60 million. Energy efficiency leads not only to dollar savings in the shore infrastructure budget; it also furthers our progress towards national energy independence.



Cherry Point in Havelock, North Carolina received two grants to further this goal of energy independence. These two projects were selected for ARRA funding by the Department of Defense as part of their initial report to Congress on the use of Recovery Funding. These two projects included replacing old and inefficient out lighting around the base, and the design and construction of a solar pool heating system at the Combat Training Pool, Building 289. This system is to be the primary means of heating the pool water with the existing steam heating system to be used as supplemental heating when solar is not sufficient. The solar project will save a projected 3,809 Megawatt hours a year, and will increase the Base's total use of renewable energy by 3.5%.



The National Cemetery Administration received \$50 million in ARRA funding to do improvements, monument repairs, maintenance, and equipment upgrades. New Bern National Cemetery was officially established Feb. 1, 1867, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. New Bern National Cemetery received more than \$25,000 in improvements. These improvements included \$18,000 to improve access by upgrading parking facilities, and \$7,000 for repair and maintenance of monuments at the facility.



North Carolina received \$79 million for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These funds are being used to help train adult, youth, and dislocated workers in North Carolina who have been hurt by the economy and preparing them for new jobs. One of the targeted programs developed by North Carolina was the The Military Growth Task Force Veteran's Initiative Project (VIP). The VIP project supported communities impacted by the expansion of military personnel due to base realignments. It provided \$900,000 for training, retraining and skill certification opportunities in high-demand, high-growth sectors to eligible veterans and military spouses in the 10-county region surrounding Camp Lejeune, Marine Corp Air Station at Cherry Point, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Appendix, Craven County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$2,163,000.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$1,059,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Craven Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$7,527,178.00	
Administration on Aging	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Craven County DSS	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Craven County DSS	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		Neuse River Council Of Governments	S	\$0.00	\$65,277.00	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Communities Putting Prevention to Work: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program	Neuse River Council Of Governments	S	\$0.00	\$37,100.00	\$0.00	
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	ARRA - Immunization	Craven County Health Departmen	S	\$0.00	\$39,716.00	\$0.00	
Congress, generally, no additional specification available	Community Facilities Loans and Grants	Little Swift Creek Fire Department	P	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$5,185,659.55		
Department of Defense (except military departments)	No CFDA for Contract type awards	International Public Works, LLC	P	\$360,266.00		\$0.00	\$31,533.00
		Parker Roofing, Inc.	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$36,412.00
		R & W Construction Co	P	\$373,654.25		\$0.00	\$293,467.25
		RMF Engineering, Inc.	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$43,775.00

		Simmons Technical Services, Inc.	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$328,733.00
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Competitive (Recovery Act Funded)	Housing Authority Of The City Of New Bern, N. C.	P	\$225,170.00		\$0.00	\$225,170.00
				\$1,222,330.00		\$0.00	\$1,222,330.00
	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Housing Authority Of The City Of New Bern, N. C.	P	\$1,178,803.00		\$0.00	\$1,178,803.00
Department of Justice	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Adams Window Tinting	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$400.00
		Capitall Ford Of Raleigh	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$46,512.04
		Craven County Government	P	\$81,595.00		\$0.00	\$81,595.00
		Fitness Resources 22714 Glenn Drive Sterling Va Havelock, City Of	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$15,767.25
		Interceptor Public Safety Products	P	\$33,653.00		\$0.00	\$33,653.00
		New Bern, City Of	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$13,420.00
		North Carolina Division Of Motor Vehicles	P	\$86,483.00		\$0.00	\$86,483.00
		Radio One	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,395.36
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	P	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,077.00
Department of Veterans Affairs	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Cape Fear Land Management, Inc	S	\$27,424,352.28			
		Conservation Artisans	P	\$18,875.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$3,775.00		\$0.00	\$3,775.00
				\$4,425.00		\$0.00	\$4,425.00
DOD							
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Cove City Town Hall	S	\$0.00	\$723,503.00	\$0.00	
		Dover, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$1,004,457.00	\$0.00	
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Charles Hughes Construction	PV	\$0.00	\$247,758.70	\$0.00	
		North Carolina Department Of	P	\$2,722,008.00		\$0.00	\$2,722,008.00

		Transportation				
				\$264,130.00	\$0.00	\$264,130.00
		S.T. Wooten Corporation	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,197,199.25
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Craven County Government	S	\$0.00	\$345,090.00	\$0.00
Forest Service	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Comprehensive Forestry Services Inc	P	\$51,359.50	\$0.00	\$51,359.50
				\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00
		Dot Construction, Inc.	P	\$60,899.98	\$0.00	\$60,899.98
				\$260,604.63	\$0.00	\$144,272.13
				\$297,019.21	\$0.00	\$297,019.21
				\$149,073.53	\$0.00	\$149,073.53
		Lightwood Knot Enterprises	P	\$5,265.60	\$0.00	\$5,265.60
		Smith Land Development, Inc.	P	\$23,400.00	\$0.00	\$23,400.00
		Smokey Mountain Fire Response	P	\$27,750.00	\$0.00	\$27,750.00
		Southern Asphalt Inc	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116,332.50
		Southern Resource Management, L.L.C.	P	\$39,975.00	\$0.00	\$39,975.00
				\$47,970.00	\$0.00	\$47,970.00
		Sunland Builders, Inc.	P	\$100,174.50	\$0.00	\$100,174.50
		Tabak, Timothy W	P	\$19,800.00	\$0.00	\$19,800.00
		Whitley & Brown Inc	P	\$15,750.00	\$0.00	\$15,750.00
	Recovery Act of 2009: Wildland Fire Management	Environment And Natural Resources, North Carolina Department Of	P	\$52,220.00	\$0.00	\$52,220.00
GSA						
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P		\$0.00	\$42,768.41
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	BSH Home Appliances Corporation	S	\$0.00	\$142,899.41	\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Craven County School District	S	\$0.00	\$66,345.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants,	Craven Community College	S	\$0.00	\$603,503.02	\$0.00

Recovery Act						
		Craven County School District	S	\$0.00	\$7,904,493.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Craven County School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,753,934.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Craven County School District	S	\$0.00	\$2,580,740.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Craven County School District	S	\$0.00	\$122,031.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Craven County School District	S	\$0.00	\$3,100,468.18	\$0.00
Public Buildings Service	No CFDA for Contract type awards	5thwall LLC	S	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Emsl Analytical, Inc.	S	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Epsten Group, Inc., The	P	\$57,600.00		\$0.00
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants		P	\$0.00		\$750,000.00
				\$100,000.00		\$0.00
			PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
				\$0.00		\$0.00
		Havelock, City Of	P	\$100,000.00		\$0.00
				\$0.00		\$1,700,000.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	Bakers Square Of New Bern, Inc	L			\$50,000.00
		Cooks & Connoisseurs, Inc.	L			\$55,600.00
		Dana Stone	L			\$36,000.00
		Hilton L Fillingame	L			\$5,000.00
		Lee Poultry	L			\$7,500.00
		NC Air Inc.	L			\$25,000.00
		Snap Audio & Video	L			\$860,000.00
		Speech Therapy Plus, Inc.	L			\$25,000.00
		The Baker's Square, Inc.	L			\$35,000.00
		The Natural Stone Yard LLC	L			\$75,000.00
SSA	Social Security	Multiple	P		\$5,179,750.00	

	Economic Recovery Act Payments	Individuals				
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Whitley & Brown Inc	P	\$14,766.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USDA						
VA						
Grand Total				\$8,014,595.20	\$57,586,077.14	\$13,314,278.00
						\$13,674,398.26

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.